

## *No. 22: Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

### Region Acceptance Process Summary

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#### **General Description of Region**

The Northern Sacramento Valley (NSV) IRWM region was granted conditional acceptance in the 2009 Region Acceptance Process. The NSV IRWM region's RAP conditions were as follows: (1) limited to applying for planning grant funds only; (2) to communicate and cooperate with the overlapping Sacramento Valley (SV) IRWM region to develop an optimal region that fosters integration and cooperation, and does not result in overlapping and competing planning efforts; and (3) further develop its governance structure. The Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the NSV IRWM region was amended in 2010 to include Shasta County, which eliminated the gap between the NSV IRWM and Upper Sacramento-McCloud IRWM regions.

In August 2010, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) met with representatives from the NSV and SV regions to discuss the status of the two IRWM regions and address the 2009 RAP conditionals. Based on that meeting and other discussions, representatives of both IRWM regions affirmed that: (1) the two regions will consolidate into a single region – the NSV IRWM, and (2) continuation of the SV IRWM Plan will be limited to completion of existing Proposition 50 Implementation grant obligations. The consolidation of the regions obviated the need to update the SV IRWM Plan. In early 2011, DWR received and evaluated updated information submitted by the NSV RWMG on the regional boundary and governance structure. The information confirmed that the NSV RWMG has revised its boundary to remove overlap, established its governance structure, and is working toward development of its IRWM Plan.

#### **Conclusions - Approved**

The NSV RWMG has addressed the conditions included in the 2009 RAP decision. The RWMG is encouraged to continue to seek cooperation and coordination with neighboring IRWM regions to ensure that IRWM planning and implementations efforts progress in a complementary and coordinated manner.